

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 were pending and stand subject to restriction. Applicants would like to bring the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on March 9, 2005. In the Amendment, Claims 9-11, 14, 16-17, 19, 21-24, 26-27, 29-30, 33-34, 36-50, 52-55 and 57-67 were cancelled. Thus, only Claims 1-8, 12-13, 15, 18, 20, 25, 28, 31-32, 35, 51, 56 and 68-69 are pending.

The restriction requirement sets forth in the Action is from among the following three groups of inventions\*:

I. Claims 1-30 and 33, drawn to an application of a composition;

II. Claims 31-32, drawn to a feed supply system; and

III. Claims 34-68, drawn to a curable composition.

Applicants elect with traverse for prosecution herein the claims identified in Group I; that is, Claims 1-8, 12-13, 15, 19, 20, 25, and 28, which remain pending.

However, Applicants note that the restriction requirement appears to be too restrictive. That is, Groups I and II recite similar inventions, in that the invention of Group II defined by Claims 31 and 32 simply adds generally a feed

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\* Applicants have presented the claim groupings as presented in the Action, and have not revised the groupings in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment.

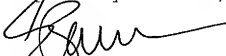
supply system for use for the application of a composition curable by photoirradiation to a fastener, an example of which is set forth in Claim 1.

MPEP § 803 reads: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added.) Since a thorough search for art relevant to the claims of Group I would appear to also suffice for the claims of Group II there should not be a "serious burden" to perform a complete search and examination for claims in both Groups I and II.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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